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to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Chair recognizes Senator Bohlke, to open on LB 149.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I came to the floor today ready to open on 149. After reading the newspaper and the questions raised, as far as if we are rushing into this, I have said and will continue to say the reason we were hearing it today is that is the order it was in. The Education Committee felt it was necessary that we get the bill up to you early to give you a chance to discuss with your school districts, to go over the ramifications of the bill, and hopefully have a better understanding. The next step, we assume, would not come until March 15th, when the Department of Education had said they would have the printouts. So we would not be rushing it. We would still be waiting till March 15th to probably hear it on Select File. However, I would not want any of you to feel that you have been rushed into a decision. Some people have said that they would rather hear the Governor's speech tomorrow and what he intends. I do not have a problem with that. The Governor and I still have not had the opportunity to meet and so he keeps...I know that he intends for that to happen and this will probably give us a chance, if...following his speech tomorrow, that he and I could meet and have a discussion before it's brought to you on the floor. So, for those reasons, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to pass over.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you. If there's no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, next bill, (LB) 293, by Senator Matzke. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11 of this year, at that time referred to Natural Resources Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes Senator Matzke, to open on LB 293.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the